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Dr.Prasad explained that the task of appraising the records was a highly technical one, and was considered at length by the Committee on Archival Legislation. The Committee recommended that the final review should be conducted in association with the National Archives of India. While emphasising the role of the archivist in the appraisal process, it stated - "The archivists are the persons most in contact with the research workers and their knowledge of what the latter wish to consult can be of great use in exercising the historical criterion". After some discussion, the Commission adopted the following resolution:

> Resolution IV Resolved that in the interest of completeness of official records of historical value, weeding of records at the various levels by untrained persons be stopped.

(b) Deputation of Technicians of the History Departments of the Universities to assist Government Departments in weeding their records

Resolution by Dr.M.A.Muttalib:

'Resolved that the Assistant Technicians attached to the History Departments of the Universities may be deputed to the Government Departments to help them in the Weeding out of these Departmental records from time to time.

Secretary's Note

It appears that the point is substantially covered in Resolution IV of the 40th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission (1970) which requested the Government of India and the State Governments to associate scholars in the framing of policies concerning selection of records for permanent preservation. The resolution was forwarded to the Government of India and the State Governments for consideration (Vide Conspectus, Paper No.1 of the Agenda).

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The above resolution was not taken up for discussion in the absence of the mover.

(3) Research Fellowship Scheme for State Archives

Resolution by Dr.M.A.Muttalib

Resolved that the scheme of granting fellowships to research students adopted by the State Archives, Government of Andhra Pradesh, may also be implemented by the Archives of other States so as to help research in administrative, social and economic fields.

Secretary's Note

While examining the Research Fellowship Scheme of the National Archives of India, which was in existence then, the Committee on Archival Legislation was of the opinion that the Archive Repository was not a suitable institution for the purpose, which could assume such responsibility only at the expense of its normal obligations. (Para 161 of the Report). The Research Fellowships which Andhra Pradesh Government has instituted in the State Archives to promote historical research on modern history of Andhra Pradesh and the Deccan, include 5 full-time Fellowships of Rs.300/- each and 5 part-time stipends of Rs.125/- each.

(4) Compilation of classified lists of documents by State Archives

Resolution by Dr.M.A.Muttalib

Resolved that classified lists of documents should be prepared and published as early as possible by the State Archives. Moreover, the services of the University teachers of the History Departments may be utilised for the organisation of the Archives.